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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Ping Liong TJOA) Art Unit: 3764
Appln. No. : 09/319,243) Ex: L. Hamilton
Filed : June 7, 1999) **Box AF**
For : TRAINING APPARATUS) **Expedited Handling**
) **VIA FACSIMILE**

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following remarks are submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.111
in response to the Office Action of October 12, 2001.

REMARKS

Claims 12 and 14-23 have been rejected as unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a)
over Bosko. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Bosko discloses an exercising device which in reality amount to what is known as
weight-lifting devices (dumbbells and barbells). To increase weight, the user detaches the bodies
32 and 33 and either adds larger bodies or adds material to the existing bodies, such as metal shot
(col. 3, lines 44-48, cited by the examiner). To increase size, the user changes the handle 36 to a
larger one to form a larger barbell. (col. 3, lines 51-54, and col. 5, lines 41-42, cited by the
examiner). It needs to be emphasized that dumbbells and barbells are well known exercising
equipment. With dumbbells, the user employs one hand which grasps the handle 36, and with